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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF US CITIZENS IN 1972

ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS

1. MR. ROBERT WIXER, AN AIDE TO CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINDLEY, TELEPHONED EA/PHL ON JUNE 14 TO INFORM US THAT A CONSTITUENT, MR. EDWARD EZELL, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERARMCO AT SINGAPORE, WISHES TO DISCUSS THE INVOLVEMENT OF INTERARMCO, AND OF INTERARMCO'S PRESIDENT, SAM CUMMINGS, IN THE 1972 ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS.

2. ACCORDING TO WIXER:

A. MR. EZELL HAS PREPARED A DEPOSITION REGARDING THIS MATTER AND HAS RETAINED AN ATTORNEY. -

B. HE STATES THAT HE HAS DOCUMENTATION TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT SAM CUMMINGS AND OTHER INTERARMCO EMPLOYEES WERE IN FACT INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF AN ASSASSINATION AGAINST MARCOS.

C. EZELL EVIDENTLY FEARS FOR HIS OWN SAFETY AND LEFT
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SINGAPORE, ACCORDING TO HIS STATEMENT, "BY THE SKIN OF MY

TEETH."

D. EZELL WANTS TO TALK TO APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF THE USG REGARDING THIS MATTER ON JUNE 20, WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON.

3. EA/PHL HAS CONTACTED THE APPROPRIATE OFFICER OF THE FBI REGARDING THIS MATTER AND THE FBI IS PREPARED TO SEE MR. EZELL ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 20. MR. BOB WIXER, AIDE TO CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY, HAS AGREED TO CONTACT THE FBI TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR HIS CONSTITUENT ON JUNE 20 IN WASHINGTON. -

4. WE BELIEVE IT IS NOT DESIRABLE TO HAVE A DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT AT THE PRELIMINARY MEETING BUT HAVE REQUESTED A COPY OF MR. EZELL'S DEPOSITION FROM THE FBI AND THE FBI'S ASSESSMENT OF HIS TESTIMONY.

5. WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE FBI NOT FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO THE GOP VIA THE LEGAL ATTACHE (FBI REPRESENTATIVE) IN MANILA UNTIL WE HAVE REVIEWED IT FOR FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

6. WE WILL KEEP EMBASSY MANILA INFORMED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

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